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Assistant Director for Research and Reports

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Chief, Economic Research

Activity Report for the Month of December 1957

I. Items of General Interest

A. During the calendar year 1957, 447 projects of all types were initiated in the Economic Research Area, compared to 433 projects in 1956 and 412 in 1955. The following table shows the number of reports of all types completed by ERA in 1957 and makes appropriate comparisons with 1956.

ERA Reports Completed in Calendar Years 1957 and 1956

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
NIS Sections	22	16
RR	30	20
SC/RR	23	31
PR	14	25
IN	20	24
RA	14	6
SC/RA	--	1
MP	25	15
SC/MP	--	3
IP	56	74
SC/IP	--	16
RIC (ERA contributions to RIC Projects)	45	32
CSM	98	83
S-series and unnumbered projects	<u>129</u>	<u>127</u>
TOTAL	476	473

In addition, 751 ERA articles were published in OCI publications during 1957, and 243 articles were submitted to the IAC Watch Committee and the National Indications Center. Comparable figures for 1956 are 806 and 154 respectively.

Although the total number of reports completed was about the same in both years, there were significant differences in the types of projects completed. The production of NIS sections was substantially higher,

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reflecting the continued priority of this program as a major responsibility of the ERA. The decrease in the number of PR's reflects the decision made during 1957 to issue finished intelligence reports as RR's whenever possible, rather than in a provisional form as PR's. The increase in the EIC reports is the direct result of the ERA's concentration on Sino-Soviet Bloc economic penetration. The substantial increases in CSM's and in the number of items prepared for the Watch Committee and similar agencies indicates the increasing demands being made on the ERA for priority support for current intelligence.

B. As a result of program review meetings with all ERA Division and Branch Chiefs, appropriate adjustments were made in the FY '58 research program in order to align current research priorities with personnel resources.

C. A staff study proposing a substantial increase in the personnel of I/GM was prepared and after review by the DIOR Committee was forwarded to the AD/RR.

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D. [REDACTED] Acting Chief ERA, assisted General Cabell, Deputy Director, in briefing members of the Machinery and Allied Products Institute on selected aspects of the Soviet economy.

E. Approximately 30 members of ERA attended the annual meetings of the American Economic Association in Philadelphia; four persons attended the meetings of the American Historical Association in New York, and four others attended meetings of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers in Chicago.

F. Eleven persons entered on duty with the ERA during December, and four ERA employees resigned from the Agency.

G. As of 15 January, appointment actions have been submitted on 8 individuals who were interviewed during the most recent series of ERA recruiting trips.

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H. [REDACTED] served as Acting Chief, ERA, during [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] absence from 4 to 31 December.

II. Summary of Analysis Division Activities

A. Accomplishments: During December D/A completed ORR's contribution to an NIE and submitted one NIE section. In addition the Division prepared or participated in the preparation of five current intelligence items, reviewed three projects, participated in or submitted requirements for four briefings and debriefings, prepared one briefing, and furnished support to OO and to RAND. Several D/A members participated in meetings with non-Agency representatives on matters of mutual concern.

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III. Summary of Industrial Division Activities

A. Accomplishments: During December D/I submitted contributions to three area-wide projects and to an NIS, completed a small support project, reviewed one project, participated in the revision of one travel brief, and drafted a speech for the DDCI. I/CI, together with certain D/S branches, prepared a special study for GMIC.

B. Trips: Two members of the Division returned from TDY assignments. Several persons visited nearby industrial establishments for training purposes.

C. Administration: Three clerk-typists - [REDACTED] - resigned from the Agency. One IO - [REDACTED] - and 6 clerical employees - [REDACTED] - entered on duty with the Division. A review of administrative files resulted in the clearing of seven safes.

IV. Summary of Materials Divisions Activities

A. Accomplishments: During December the Division completed various contributions to area-wide and support projects, including support for the Department of Commerce concerning COCOM proposals relating to rolling mills.

B. Administration: [REDACTED] M/PM, resigned from the Agency, and [REDACTED] entered on duty in M/AG.

V. Summary of Services Division Activities

A. Accomplishments: During December D/S submitted contributions to two NIS's and three other area-wide projects, completed one NIS and nine branch and division projects, and submitted nine small support projects. In addition the Division provided St/CS with 4 CSM's and 17 other support items and gave intelligence support on 9 Administrative Action cases, 30 applications for exceptions shipments to Poland of strategic commodities, and 20 other exceptions cases or definitional problems. The Division also commented on a [REDACTED] study and prepared a special report relating to guided missiles.

B. Administration: [REDACTED] reported for duty with S/COM, S/TF, and S/CSF respectively.

VI. Summary of Current Support Staff Activities

A. Accomplishments: During December the following numbers of articles for the indicated OCI publications were prepared or concurred in respectively: CIWR, 6-13; CIB, 14-24; CIS/CIB, 5-4; CID, 43-24. In addition, information on 16 subjects was furnished to the Indications Liaison Officer, the National Indications Center and/or the IAC Watch Committee. St/CS also provided support to ONE and to an IAC subcommittee and contributed to a speech prepared for General Cabell. Four CSM's were published during December.

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VII. Summary of Publications Staff Activities

A. Accomplishments: During December St/PB released 14 reports as follows: 6 RR's, 1 IM, 3 RA's, 1 SC/RR, 2 KIC biweekly reports, and 1 miscellaneous report. Nine reports were edited during the month, 10 were typed, and 12 were sent to reproduction. St/PB/A completed statistical review of 9 projects. Three new KIS sections were submitted to OBI, and another section was revised and resubmitted.

VIII. Summary of Planning and Review Staff Activities

A. Accomplishments: During December, 13 regular and 11 small support projects were initiated; 15 regular and 12 small support projects were completed. A staff study proposing a substantial augmentation in the personnel of I/GM was prepared.

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